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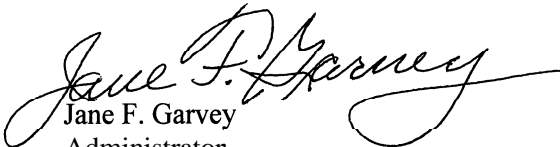
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**SUBJ: FAA ORGANIZATION - POLICIES AND STANDARDS**

1. **PURPOSE.** This change transmits revised pages to Chapter 3, Spheres of Responsibility.
2. **EXPLANATION OF CHANGES.** This change updates the operational line of succession to reflect current positions and titles.
3. **DISPOSITION OF TRANSMITTAL.** After filing the revised pages, this change transmittal should be retained.

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e. The functions involved are related to other work of a comparable level of importance that has been decentralized.

f. There is no requirement for close coordination, working relationships, or continual communication with the Washington headquarters of other agencies or with the Congress, or for a central point of contact or liaison in agency headquarters with other agencies.

## 56. AUTHORITY.

a. Regional and center directors derive their authority from the Administrator. Except where the Administrator otherwise provides, they have full authority to take all actions necessary to carry out their assigned responsibilities, within approved agency policies, program plans, guidelines, standards, systems, and procedures. Also, except when the Administrator has otherwise directed, a regional or center director may redelegate, with authority to provide for the successive redelegation, within that region or center, the authority delegated by the Administrator.

b. Regional headquarters and center key personnel derive their authority from the regional or center director. Except where the regional or center director otherwise directs, they have full authority to carry out their assigned responsibilities, within approved agency policies, standards, systems, and procedures, and supplementary instructions of the regional or center director. Also, except as the Administrator or regional or center director has otherwise directed, regional headquarters and center key personnel may redelegate, with authority to provide for the successive redelegation, within their organizations, the authority delegated to them by the regional or center director.

c. The head of each office and service reporting directly to the Administrator derives authority from the Administrator. The head of each office and service reporting to the Administrator through an associate administrator also derives authority from the Administrator. Associate administrators have full authority to exercise all authority directly delegated to each office and service head reporting to that associate administrator. Each office and service head can legally commit the agency only to the extent that authority to do so has been affirmatively delegated to that office or service head. Within the agency, office and service heads have full authority necessary to the discharge of responsibilities assumed under paragraphs 5 1-54, pertaining to program guidelines, standards, systems, and procedures, for agencywide, as distinguished from local, application. The office and service head has supervisory authority with respect to the centralized operational responsibilities assigned to that organization. Except as the Administrator or the cognizant associate administrator may otherwise direct, heads of offices or services may redelegate, with authority to provide for the successive redelegation, within the organization, the authority delegated to them.

d. Except for the operational line of succession required for continuity of FAA during a national emergency, as established in Order 1900.1F, FAA Emergency Operations Plan, the following officials, in the order indicated in this paragraph, shall act as Administrator, in case of the absence or disability of the Administrator, until the absence or disability ceases, or in case of a vacancy, until a successor is appointed.

- (1) Deputy Administrator
- (2) Associate Administrator for Air Traffic Services
- (3) Assistant Administrator for Policy, Planning, and International Aviation
- (4) Chief Counsel
- (5) Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification
- (6) Assistant Administrator for Financial Services
- (7) Associate Administrator for Research and Acquisitions
- (8) Associate Administrator for Civil Aviation Security
- (9) Associate Administrator for Airports
- (10) Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation

e. Officials initiating major FAA actions under delegated authority are responsible for keeping the Administrator informed of key events or developments having a significant management, political, or public relations impact on the agency. There is no single test for identifying the circumstances where notification is warranted. Coverage, costs, user impact, relationship to previous problems, and controversial issues are approximate indicators. The larger the values involved, the greater the necessity for advising the Administrator in advance.



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